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SUBJECT: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING CELU

1. QUESTION OF DATES FOR CELU ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS HAS AGAIN BEEN POSTPONED. IN ABSENCE OF NORMAL COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION DELEGATES FROM NORTH UNABLE ATTEND MARCH 1 AND 2. MAJ. MENGISTU UPHELD CELU PLEA FOR FURTHER DELAY AND INDICATED HE WOULD TAKE PERSONAL INTEREST IN SELECTION NEW DATES (EXPECTED TO BE IN EARLY APRIL).

2. DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CELU AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE OF "DERG" ON PREPARATIONS FOR MASS RALLIES IN SUPPORT OF LAND REFORM PROGRAM LED TO EXTENSIVE PARTICIPATION LOCAL UNIONS IN MARCH 5 DEMONSTRATIONS. IN ADDITION CELU PUBLISHED RESOLUTION GIVING STRONG SUPPORT TO NATIONALIZATION OF RURAL LANDS. "DECISION MARKS SALVATION OF THE TOILING MASSES OF ETHIOPIA AND PUTS AN END TO THE EXPLOITATION OF THE MANY BY THE FEW. THIS FINAL BLOW TO THE FEUDAL SYSTEM WILL HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN RURAL AND URBAN WORKERS AND WILL ALSO MAKE AVAILABLE ADDITIONAL HUMAN RESOURCES FOR AGRO-INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT."

3. MEANWHILE, REGULAR BUSINESS OF CELU HAS CONTINUED APACE DESPITE INTERNAL FACTIONAL WRANGLING. SEVERAL NEW COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS ARE REPORTEDLY NEARING SIGNATURE STAGE, AND SEVERAL NEW UNIONS IN PRIVATE SECTOR ARE APPLYING TO CELU FOR AFFILIATION "IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF ETHIOPIAN SOCIALISM."

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